

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action of March 13, 2007.

The Examiner states, in the "Continuation Sheet" at page 2 of the Advisory Action, that the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereafter, "Declaration I") that was submitted with the Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on February 21, 2007 "does not appear to compare the claimed subject matter with the subject matter of the closest prior art because it does not show experimentation data or results of the disclosed photocatalytic powder."

Applicants undersigned counsel called the Examiner, Ms. Nguyen, and spoke with her on March 27, 2007 to discuss the matter. Applicants undersigned counsel stated that Declaration I, does, in fact, disclose experimentation data and results. Applicants undersigned counsel reviewed with the Examiner the contents of Declaration I and pointed out that the third paragraph on page 2 stated that the coating composition was prepared by the method of Example 1 of Sanbayashi et al and that the fourth paragraph on page 2 set forth the results of the electrokinetic potential measurement.

The Examiner agreed that the fourth paragraph of Declaration I set forth the results, but stated that the third paragraph was insufficient in its description of how the composition was prepared. The Examiner stated that the Declaration needed to describe each step that was performed so that she could compare it to the description in Sanbayashi et al.

In response, although applicants do not agree that Declaration I was insufficient, applicants enclose an unexecuted Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereafter, "Declaration II"), which sets forth in detail the procedure used to prepare the composition.

Applicants will submit an executed version of the Declaration II in due course. Applicants rely on the argument set forth in the Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on February 21, 2007 and submit that Declaration II supports the patentability of the presently claimed invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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